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For: SCRAP REDUCTION BY COMBINING OPERATIONS OF DIFFERENT  
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**AMENDMENT**  
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This is in response to the Examiner's Non-Final Rejection, dated 11/15/2005, after a  
Board of Appeals Decision.

Claims 1 - 17 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Stewart.

**CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 4, 6, 15 and 16 are amended with the following wording and claims 18-20 are  
added herewith. A formally marked-up copy of the claims, including this amended wording with  
the old non-amended claims and new claims, is appended hereto with a clean copy of claims 1-20  
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